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SJC Honors Banquet held

On Tuesday, April 19, a banquet was held to honor faculty and student scholars. The banquet was presided over by Dr. Bernard Parker, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Alexandra Hall and John Egan received top faculty honors. In addition, faculty were promoted, students inducted into honor societies and awarded departmental honors.

Halas relief continues

by Klaudia Janek

"Things are going into motion finally," said Kurt Krouse, chairperson of the Halas Relief Fund. A goal of \$15,000 by May 1 has been set.

As of now approximately \$2000 has been contributed to the Halas Relief Fund, most of that coming from Saint Joseph's students. A letter has now been sent out to all women alumni asking for contributions. The method for dispersing the money among Halas women has also been decided. All the Halas women will be contacted when the money is closer to being distributed. A dated application will go out to Halas residents which they will be expected to fill it out if they intend to receive some aid from the Halas Relief Fund.

Start your engines!

Little 500 weekend arrives

This Saturday, April 23 is race day for the annual Little 500 at Saint Joseph's College. This year's race should be fast on a newly paved track. As always, Little 500 weekend is packed with events.

Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m., the competition begins with an Alumni Race. The alumni go-carts will warm up the track for the main event later in the day.

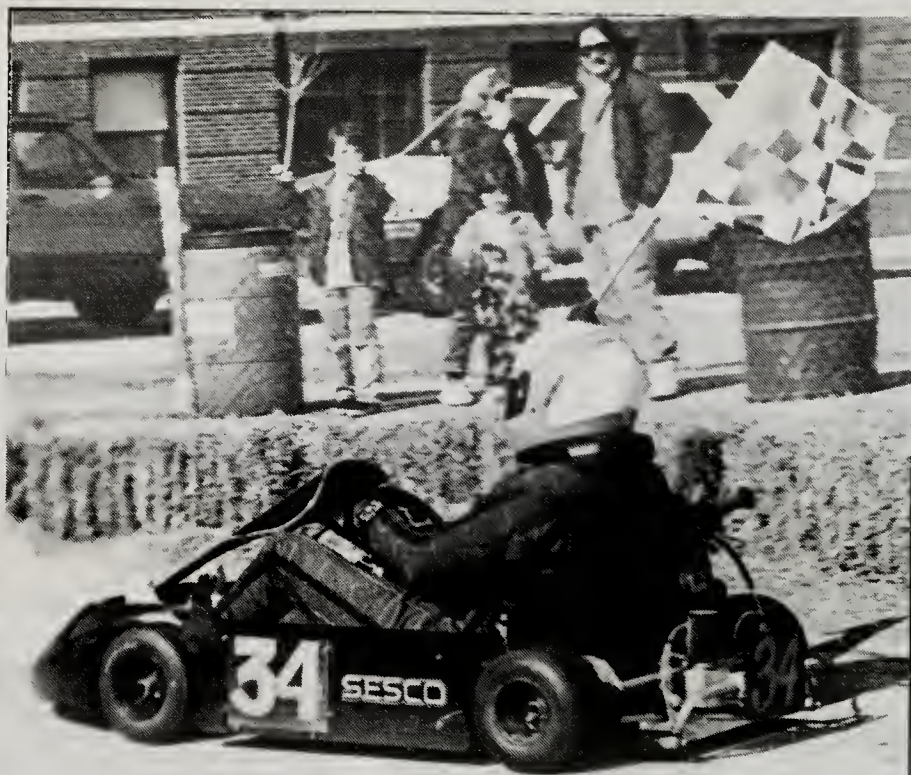
Also at 10:30 a.m., the Alumni Association Beer and Food Tent, an annual tradition, will open. The tent will be serving hot pretzels, brats, hot dogs, popcorn, beer and pop.

At 11 a.m., various booths will be opening across campus. Fans will have the opportunity to purchase Little 500 souvenirs and a variety of foods from concession stands. In addition, there will be booths for face

painting, caricatures, and Tarot cards. Pony rides will be available, antique cars will be on display, a petting zoo will be on site, and clowns will be roaming the Little 500 grounds.

At 12:45 p.m., Opening Ceremonies will begin for the student race. The race itself runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. In the event of bad weather, the race will be postponed until Sunday, unless 1.5 hours has expired. During the race, a reggae band will be playing outside of Gallagher Hall. After the race, an Awards Banquet will be held in the Ballroom at 6:30 p.m.

Race day comes to a close from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. There will be a fireworks show, followed by a campus celebration in the Ballroom featuring a live band.





Dr. Mark Johnson goes to Hollywood

SJC professor discusses reproductive technology on talk show

by Jonathan Bringewatt

Dr. Mark Johnson of the Philosophy and Religion Department recently will be a guest on "The Leeza Show," a talk show aimed towards women from 18-40. Dr. Johnson will be featured on the April 22 episode of the show. The show airs at 10 a.m.

The show will provide a forum for a discussion of reproductive technology. Fred Berger of the Communications Department, who runs a series of workshops at University of California at Los Angeles every summer, was contacted by Terry Coyle, the producer of "The Leeza Show" and asked if he knew of anyone who could discuss the ethical implications of reproductive technology. Berger mentioned Dr. Johnson who, as a Catholic Moral Theologian, could provide an ethical angle to the issue.

"The Leeza Show" paid all expenses for the trip to Hollywood. Dr. Johnson and his wife were flown to California and picked up in a limo. In addition, they were

provided with accommodations right in the heart of Hollywood.

The show was taped the day after their arrival. Dr. Johnson mentioned, "I was quite nervous...but I looked at the tele-prompter...and knew precisely what question Leeza was going to ask before she asked it."

Other guests on the show included a woman who went to court to get her dead lover's frozen sperm, a couple who went to court to get a frozen embryo from a clinic and a doctor who discussed the medical technology that makes such reproductive choices available. Dr. Johnson said that the whole show revolved around the rights of the women who wanted to use technological methods to conceive a child, but he was interested in the needs and rights of the child. Dr. Johnson questioned, "Is it fair to a child to bring him into the world knowing at the outset that he will never have a relationship with his natural father? Is that a fair thing to do to a kid?"

According to Dr. Johnson, the

studio audience was surprisingly hostile to the woman who wanted to use the frozen sperm of her dead lover, but the complexities of the issue seemed to escape the audience. While the audience showed hostility, Dr. Johnson wanted to be respectful towards the other guests, even if he was in disagreement with them. "If they wanted someone to throw a bomb into the proceedings, they had the wrong guy," he said.

Dr. Johnson noted that the show was not "one of the stronger episodes. It was a fascinating experience, but I can't say that it was illuminating. The discussion inevitably was superficial" on a brief talk show concerned about time constraints and ratings.

On a lighter note, Dr. Johnson chuckled about the manipulation of the audience. He said that they are required to clap at certain times, at one point for an entire three minutes. If Dr. Johnson did have a claim to fame, he said smiling, it was that he "got an unsponsored applause!"



Dr. Mark Johnson appeared on "The Leeza Show."

Letter to the editor: student disgusted at SJC security

I was almost happy to get back to school after Spring Break. It turns out that I didn't need any excitement at home because I would soon get about as much surprise as I could handle when I came back to school.

I opened up my door when I returned from break to find that everything in my room was gone. My 19" color T.V., stereo system, cordless phone, word processor, VCR, humidifier, and even my shower sandals were gone. Approximately \$1,600 in goods were stolen. Needless to say, my mother and I were almost in tears. Well, the realization that someone had stolen everything from my room had soon set in and I was upset to say the least.

This is where my real disgust begins. I am completely unsatisfied and appalled by the

unprofessional manner in which both the administration and security handled the situation.

Naturally, my mother called the school and talked to Bill Maniscalco. Rather than possibly expressing some sympathy to my mother he asked her why other rooms were not broken into. He was quick to clarify that the school was in no way responsible. He also told my mom he would call back. Well, after I talked to Skip about two weeks ago, (which was the first time he had heard of the incident) Bill called back and said he didn't call my mom because he had nothing to report. I beg to differ.

Maybe he could have told her that four windows on the first floor were open until the Wednesday of Spring Break or that my friend was across the hall was not asked to leave until

8:00 Friday night. I was told that the building was "secured" at approximately 6:00 p.m. Friday. In my opinion, Bennett was far from being "secure"

Earnest Watson told me that he felt my things were stolen between 4-6 on Friday. I thought it was completely ludicrous to even suggest that the thief would rob my room at a time when he could be seen by anyone. It seemed illogical until I thought about how incompetent and useless our security would look if things were stolen after 6:00, after the building was "secure".

With the dorm in mind, it is necessary to report that approximately \$2,700 worth of cash and goods have been stolen from Bennett this year. I am happy to get a chance to write this editorial because I have learned that at St. Joe if you leave things to

the administration nothing will ever get done.

One last thing, whoever the criminal or criminals may be, do

us all a favor and move out.

With Disgust,

Sean P. Mangan



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Dr. Nichols receives Distinguished Teaching Professorship

by Vicky Ojeda

Starting in the fall of 1994, Saint Joseph's College will begin a program called "NEH Distinguished Teaching Professorship." This is a program that focuses on the teaching of students on the undergraduate level. It is designed to help teachers improve their teaching abilities with the help of another faculty member's critique and advice.

This program originated in Earlham College. According to Dr. John Nichols, who will be the first teacher to start off the program, they have found over the years at Earlham College that it is a wonderful tool for helping new teachers and re-invigorating others who have been teaching for a number of years. Saint Joseph's College particular proposal was to

fund a three year rotation program. Every three years a different teacher will take the position of the "Distinguished Teaching Professor."

This teacher will have half the teaching load and for the rest of the time attend classes, do the work assigned, interview students and have weekly or bi-weekly sessions with the teacher. "Our hope is that it is going to be a very powerful way of improving teaching over years," said Dr. Nichols.

Funding for the operation comes from the National Endowment of the Humanities. Saint Joseph's College received a grant of one million dollars. The endowment will provide for Core speakers and for all people involved in the program. The program will start off in the Core sections and the humanities department. "Since the National

Endowment of the Humanities is funding this operation, the appropriate place to start off in is the Core sections and courses that are in the Humanities division," said Dr. Nichols.

The Distinguished Teaching Professor will only be sitting in class and giving advice to those teachers who ask for this help. It is all up to the professor, if she wants to improve her skills, she will ask to be advised. Freshman Jennifer Coyle said, "I think it will show the professor's interest in improving their skills if they ask the Distinguished Teaching Professor to come into their classroom."

The Distinguished Teaching Professor is a consultant for how to teach, improve relationships with students and teach in different ways to students with different learning styles. This pro-

gram has nothing to do with administration. Nothing gets reported to administration; it is a personal project for faculty to improve their teaching. "It is a way of giving a lot of student and faculty input to a teacher in a non-threatening way because none of it gets reported to the Academic Dean, President or anything like that. It is all between the Distinguished Teaching Professor and the teacher," commented Dr. Nichols.

"I think it is a good idea because the professor can see the different types of students and then give feedback to the professor so that she can re-establish her approach of teaching for all the different student learning abilities," said Freshman Michaelene Stagg.

The Distinguished Teaching Professor will attend the classes of one or two professors every

time it meets and will do the work required of the students. He will stay with that teacher for an adequate amount of time, about a third of the semester and then move on to another teacher. "It seems that institutionally and personally, everybody should always be looking to improve themselves at no matter what point they are in their lives," said Senior Jennifer Hancock.

There will be a spring session at the end of the school year. The teachers involved in this program will have a workshop where they will read and discuss the teaching of some great books in humanities and Core. "I think it is a great idea, excellent. Teachers can use all the reinforcement they need to make sure that they aren't wasting their time or the students time," said Freshman Diana Meister.

Gallagher Charitable Society honored

by Jonathan Bringewatt

Senior Sean Fergus was accompanied by President Albert Shannon, M.J. Shannon and Bill Maniscalco to Indianapolis on April 5 to receive an award for the Gallagher Charitable Society. The Indiana Conference Compact bestowed the award based on the Gallagher Charitable Society's commitment to public service. This year, students and student organizations from 20 Indiana colleges and universities were honored for outstanding public service. In addition, the Society was recognized at the Jasper County Courthouse by the Governor of Indiana Evan Bayh.

An organization comprising 29 of the state's institutions of higher education, both state supported and independent, the Compact's mission is to provide and promote public service opportunities for college students. The individuals or campus organizations which were recognized were selected by their institutions as outstanding examples of dedication to the principles and objectives of the Compact.

According to Dr. Louis C. Gatto, Compact Director, "Programs of this nature are a refreshing rebuttal to those who characterize today's youth as the 'me' generation. In reality, those being honored exemplify the college ideal best expressed in the

words of Charles W. Eliot, the distinguished American educator, who inscribed on the gates of Harvard University: Enter to grow in wisdom. Depart to better serve thy country and mankind."

The formation of the Compact was a response by the Indiana Conference of Higher Education to a challenge issued by Governor Bayh in his first State-of-the-State Address. The Governor called upon the higher education community to re-instill in college students "a sense of idealism and commitment to public service."

This commitment has characterized the Gallagher Charitable Society under the direction of Fergus, president.

The Gallagher Charitable Society was started in the early 1970's. Originally, the organization raised money to provide toys for underprivileged children and to hide beer money for the dorm.

Today, all of the money raised goes to area children. Annually, the Gallagher Charitable Society holds a Christmas party for these children, providing them with Christmas gifts that they may otherwise go without. The men of Gallagher Hall and volunteers from other dorms volunteer their time to make the operation a success.



photo by Jason Stankewicz

Every year, the Gallagher Charitable Society holds a Christmas party for area children. Santa Claus always makes a special stop for the event. The President of the Gallagher Charitable Society, Sean Fergus (standing behind Santa), recently accepted an award for the organization's outstanding community service.



Skip's first year...

Reflections on a year at Saint Joseph's College

by Klaudia Janek

"I've never had a bad day," said President Albert Shannon, about his first year here at Saint Joseph's College. Coming to Rensselaer and becoming president has been "everything I expected and more. I have been faced with challenges, opportunities, and perplexing issues, but everything has been made easier by my support team: the faculty, staff, and students."

Throughout the year President Shannon has been faced with many different issues: a four inch water main broke on his first day here; he's had to deal with the deaths of several members of the Saint Joseph's Community; and, finally, with a flood and fire on campus.

President Shannon's goal throughout the year was "Transforming the Community." Accomplishing this goal has posed many challenges like recruiting better and better students all the time, instituting a strong scholarship program, hiring a Vice-President of Academic Affairs, focusing on the support and development of faculty members, and making academics here at SJC better overall. Promoting the religious and moral side of Saint

Joseph's has also posed a challenge. "Letting people know they are having a Catholic experience here is a big task," he said.

"For the first time in my life, my two passions have come together: my family and my job," said President Shannon. "My wife is part of my professional life and that is a wonderful experience. My kids are also taking advantage of my work. They will be the beneficiaries [of my work], which is incredibly gratifying," he said.

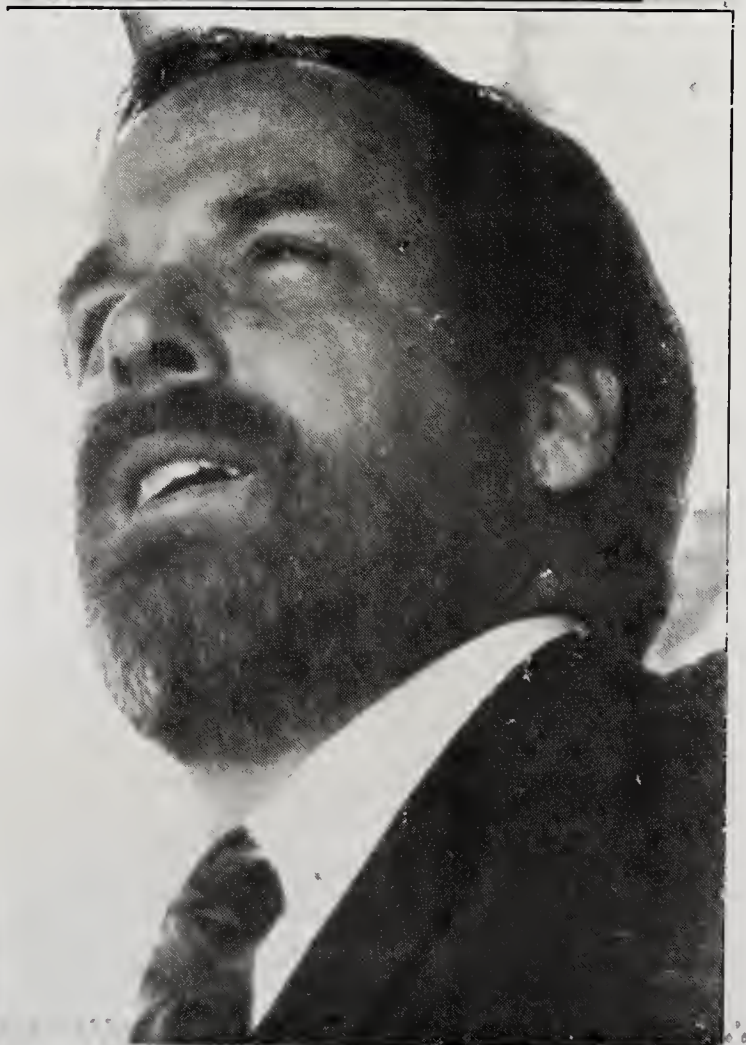
President Shannon's highlights for the year are "my experience with the generosity of the Trustees and Friends of the College. They have been very generous with their time and money." As a result the school's endowment has grown and the school is closer than ever to ground-breaking for the new Core building. Unexpected surprises have also made a difference in President Shannon's first year here at Saint Joseph's. "The aura of the [presidential] office, there seemed to be a lot of constituents in the College-community all who want a piece of the president's time. I didn't expect all the red carpet to be laid out."

President Shannon has en-

joyed being part of students lives here on campus. "It's important for the President to be with students in order to understand the students better," said President Shannon.

"I like it that he attends school activities. It shows that he is interested in student life," said Freshman Liz Lieb. Freshman Rachel Mahns added, "Skip has put forth effort in attending numerous school activities. He's trying to get to know the students on more than an academic level. He also handled the Halas fire, what I considered to be a major campus crises, well under the circumstances. In the future, I hope to see Skip's continued involvement with school activities. I wish him luck for the year to come." Outside the academic life, Sophomore Brigid Boos said, "I love it that he calls me Boo!"

All in all the year has turned out to be quite a successful one. Most of the Saint Joseph's Community is happy with the efforts that President Shannon has put forth. To sum up the entire year Skip said, "I'm really, really happy with Saint Joseph's College, I can see being here for a long time!"





Garza takes the lead in Little 500

Senior at SJC makes Little 500 a success

by Jacquelyn M. Leonard

Saint Joseph's annual Little 500 means more to Senior Juan Garza than simply watching the cars go around the track. For Garza, the race means months of preparation.

Garza is the chairperson for the Little 500 for the second year in a row. His responsibilities include overseeing more than five subcommittees, publicizing the event, handling the financial angle to the race, gathering and communicating with sponsors, maintaining the track and ensuring all the drivers meet the technical standards set for the race.

He has been active in the Little 500 since his freshman year at Saint Joe's when a friend, who planned on driving in the race, asked him to be a track marshall. Garza said after that first year, several students

were leaving the Little 500 committees, which opened up several positions. Garza decided to become even more involved.

Garza's goals include making the race an even bigger event on campus as well as throughout the community and "changing (the event) from a drinking fest."

"I believe very strongly in the traditions at Saint Joe's and I wanted to bring (the Little 500) back. That's one of the biggest, largest traditions on campus," he said.

Garza believes this year's freshmen class has been the biggest help to getting the event organized. "They hear Little Five is a big tradition...I think it is the thrill of something you don't know about. A lot of freshmen have shown a lot of enthusiasm this year," he said.

Garza has been instru-

mental in planning several new events for this year's Little 500. He said, "Most of the events this year haven't happened before. There will be something for everyone from the smallest child to the oldest adult."

He says working with the Little 500 committee has been wonderful experience for him. "It's a great resume builder," Garza claims. He said he has learned better "people skills" as well as how to deal with stressful situations better than before.

Because this is his last year at Saint Joe's, Garza has hopes of coming back in future years to watch the race. "I've never been able to sit back and watch the Little Five."

While Garza himself has never driven, he said, "I just might try it this year. I would like that."

Race Day Schedule

10:30-11:30

Alumni Race

10:30-4:30

Alumni Association

Beer and Food Tent

11-4

Booths open: Lemonade Shake-Ups, Pop, Little 500 T-Shirts and programs, Face Painting, Tarot Cards

11-4

Pony Rides

11-4

Antique Car Show

11-4

Roving Clowns from Campus Ministry

11-4

Columbia Park Petting Zoo

1-4

Student Race

1:30-4

Outdoor Reggae Band

6

Awards Banquet

9-2

Fireworks

and Campus Celebration



The Little 500 Race has not always been fast, but it has always been exciting to watch!

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Pumas to host Conference Tournament



photo by Shari Doud

GET DOWN!! Sophomore Art Carrison (left) attempts to reach third base before the tag as coach Mike Moyzis (right) tells him to slide in a recent game against Kentucky Wesleyan. The Pumas won four games last weekend to clinch a tie for first place in the GLVC with Lewis University.

The Saint Joseph's College baseball team travels to Saint Xavier University today in a regular season game after coming off of a big conference weekend sweep of Indianapolis and Northern Kentucky.

With the sweep over Northern Kentucky, the Pumas have solidified a first place tie in the GLVC with Lewis University. Both teams have records of 14-4 in the conference.

According to senior Jim Daniels, the sweep has the Pumas' confidence riding high.

"This was our first conference weekend where we swept both teams," he said. "Our pitching has been there, our hitting has been there, and our defense has come around at the perfect time. It really helps our confidence that everything is gelling at the right time."

With the first place tie in the GLVC, the Pumas have also gained the rights to host the conference tournament, which will be played next Thursday through Sunday here at Saint

Joe.

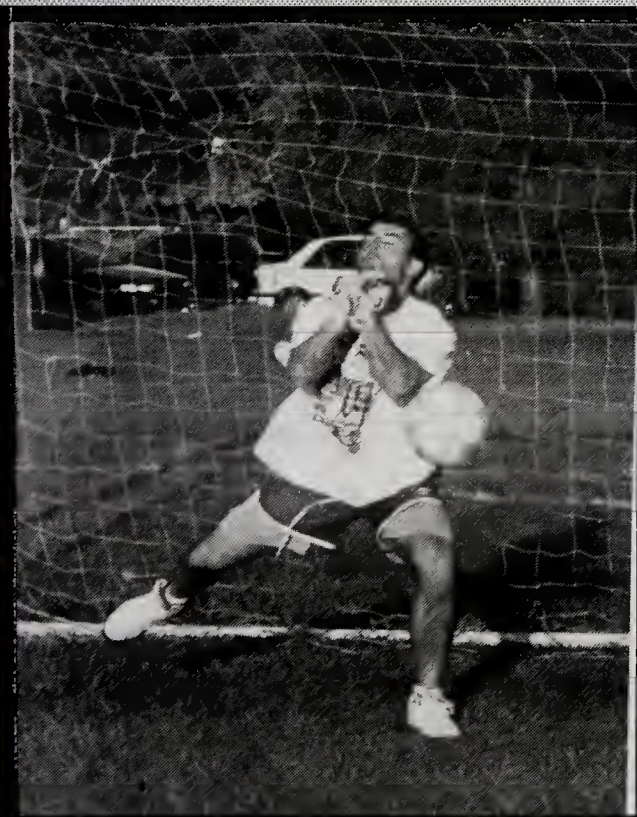
"Hosting will be a big lift for us," said junior Mo Sylvano. "Besides the fact that we know our field physically better than other teams, there's also the no travelling factor and the home town crowd which will make a big difference."

According to pitching coach Joe Fletcher, the tournament will consist of four good teams, each with the ability to beat any team on any day.

"Lewis, Ashland, and either Southern (Indiana) or Northern (Kentucky) are all good teams," he said. "It's going to be the team that concentrates on getting better in these next two weeks that will win the tournament. Teams that practice just to practice will be hurt. In all of our practices, our main concern is to get better. And that will not change for us in the weeks preceding the tournament."

The Pumas play at home this weekend against Olivet on Saturday and again on Tuesday against Huntington College.

End of an era: Ski ends Challenge career at 3-6



I SAW IT THE WHOLE WAY! Senior Mark Ciesielski makes a save in his second challenge of the year against seniors Tawnn Ray and Shannon Foster. Ski lost the challenge by one goal.

"Thanks goes out to all the challengers from this year. Thanks for being great sports!" -Ski

I CHALLENGE SKI by Mark Ciesielski

It was sad in high school when I had to write my last challenge column, and I must say, it is even more sad writing my last college column. There have been some great victories, and some horrible defeats, but believe it or not, I had fun- even when I lost!

My record stands at 3-6 on the season. Not bad considering the people that challenged me were experts in the area challenged. Some of the best contests were the sports or games I had never played before. Basically, I enjoy competition.

There were so many more challenges that I wish I could have done this year, but because of the time factor I was not able to. And it's really too bad, because I think I could have won a couple...er, all of them!

Here they are:

1. Roger Olson- the physically fit professor wanted a challenge in weightlifting, in particular the bench press. I think this one would have been

close.

2. Jason Stankewicz- Jason wanted a contest in SKI-t shooting (no pun intended). I have never fired a shotgun, so he may have had the advantage.

3. Bob Bowser- the star pitcher for the Pumas thought he could hit better off me than I could off of him. This, I know, would not have been close!

4. The Baseball Coaches- this includes junior Brian Mish, wanting to challenge me in fungo hitting. This would have been close, and interesting!

5. Brigid Boos- she wanted a challenge in skiing, boxing or a verbal debate. Sounds like three sure victories for Ski if you ask me!

Again, sorry for not being able to compete in these events. It looks like I would have had a winning record had I done them though!

As for the challenges that I did compete in, they couldn't have been any better. The following is a recap of the 1993-94 I Challenge Ski contests. Thanks again!

ARCHERY- Brett LaBine and Brian Mish are no challenge for my precision shooting. (1-0)

QUATERBACK- Puma QB

Dave Jordy out throws Ski in distance and accuracy. (1-1)

SOCCER- Tawnn Ray and Shannon Foster team up to kick Ski his second loss. (1-2)

UNO- Jessica Henry pulls cards from her sleeves to whip Ski in his biggest lopsided loss. (1-3)

VOLLEYBALL- Tracey Wojciechowski teams up with Ski to beat beach pros Kirk Sullivan and Mary Pat Schreiber. (2-3)

HAMMER THROW- Had it not been for the roll rule, Steve Myszak might have won his specialty. (3-3)

3 POINTERS- Ski was no match for one of the nation's best three point shooters, Lori Hissong. (3-4)

HOCKEY- Roommate beats up on roommate as Jim Batulich beats Ski in a shoot-out. (3-5)

POKER- Our very own President Skip Shannon outwits Ski in a game of bluffing- in a game of poker. (3-6)



Little State has mixed outcomes Women finish fifth, men finish last at Indy meet

by Audra Bailey

On Saturday, the men's and women's track team traveled to IUPUI in Indianapolis to compete in the biggest meet of the year for the Pumas. "We have trained to peak at this point in the season. Little State is one of the most important meets of the year," said Coach Bill Massoels.

Any school in the state with a track program can participate in Little State. Usually, close to 25 teams compete in this meet. And without any conference meets, Little State is the most important meet of the season, followed by the championships. "All the kids are competing better than what I had anticipated. We are now at the peak of the season. The Little State competition is what we've been training so hard for," said Coach Bill Massoels.

On Saturday, the women's track

team had some very good performances. Deldre Hook placed 4th in the high jump with 5'2". Shelly LaBorde placed 3rd in the 200 meters with a time of 26.6 seconds. Tracy Matuga took 2nd place in the 1500 meters with a time of 5:03 seconds. Laura Witek finished in 1st place in the

5000 meter run in a time of 17:59. According to Coach Massoels, "This was a pretty good meet.

We had some very good performances in very strong winds. However, we also had a few poor performances that cost us 4th and maybe 3rd place. All in all it was a good meet for the women." The Lady Pumas finished in 5th place at the Little State competition. Their record is now 15-11-0.

Unfortunately, the men's track team did not do as well. "This was

a terrible meet. I realize that we are a young team, having only two seniors. But we really choked. We did not handle the pressure at all. I don't even think we put our uniforms on properly. This was a terrible defeat. I just hope we learned something from it," commented the coach on the disappointing performance.

Jason Garing was the only Puma to place, taking a 5th in the long jump with 22'2". The men finished second to last at the Little State meet. The men's track record is now 7-22-0.

The teams have set a realistic goal. "The athletes work hard by putting effort into all they do day in and day out," said Coach Massoels of his teams. "I hope that they can take out of the program what they put into it to have for the rest of their lives--success," added the coach.



Offense there, defense still needed



DON'T MISS THE ACTION! Sophomores Jodi Firth and April Slupski sit and watch a recent game. The Lady Pumas have compiled a record of 7-14 overall and 3-4 in the GLVC. Their next home game is on April 26, against Huntington.

by Audra Bailey

"It's a tough year. We have a young team--three graduating seniors, one junior, and a handful of rookies. But we do have a good team." Coach Ernest Watson added with a grin, "The season record isn't a true indication of the talent we have." The Lady Pumas have a record of 3-4 in the GLVC and 7-14 in the regular season.

"The team is hitting the ball hard at the plate. We couldn't ask for anything more. But our hitting is overlooked because we play to catch up with the other team. We need to get back into the game because of all the team errors committed," commented the coach. "We have a very good team, but it's those errors that are killing us!"

The Lady Pumas played host this past weekend to Kentucky State and Bellarmine on Saturday and IUPUI-Fort Wayne and Lewis on Sunday.

Watson hardly commented on the Kentucky State game. "What can I say, we beat them 20-0!" he said.

In the second game of the day, the Pumas lost to Bellarmine by the score of 3-2. "We didn't take advantage of scoring opportunities. We didn't drive the ball where we needed it," said Watson.

On Sunday, the Lady Pumas beat IPFW, 5-3, in a well-played game. Danielle Figlio hit her fourth home run of the season to help out the team lead. The ladies lost to Lewis in the second game, 11-5.

In a comment made by the coach, "We deserved to lose. Any team with eight errors would have suffered the loss."

Most recently, the Pumas lost a double-header against Wisconsin Parkside on Tuesday. The two losses takes the Pumas to 7-14 overall.

The Lady Pumas softball team will play its last home game on Tuesday, April 26 at 3:00 p.m.

Tennis in final stretch

by Brian DiPaolo

The men's tennis team starts the final stretch of its season, coming off two losses this past weekend. The Pumas fell short in games against Northern Kentucky and Bellarmine, losing both games by a score of 6-3. "I was pleased with the playing of the entire team. Even though the score doesn't reflect it, we still won those two games," stated Head Coach John Barrientos.

In the game against Northern Kentucky, Kevin Helmle lost 6-0, 6-2 in the number one singles position. Jon Chovanec lost 6-2, 6-0; Doug Vis lost 6-3, 7-5; and Jude Clover lost 6-0, 6-1. The only winning singles matches came from Darren Haas 7-5, 6-2 and Bill Patterson 6-1, 6-3. In doubles action, Helmle-Patterson lost 6-2, 6-3; Vis-Haas lost 6-1, 6-1; and Clover-Chovanec won 6-3, 7-5.

In the game against Bellarmine, the three wins came from Helmle (6-4, 3-6, 6-2), Clover (6-4, 7-5), and Patterson (5-7, 6-2, 7-6) all in their single match. Unfortunately, none of these winners could help their partner in the doubles matches to win. Helmle and Andy Berry lost 6-1, 6-3; Vis-Haas lost 6-2, 6-7, 4-6; and Clover-Chovanec lost 6-1, 6-4.

Unfortunately, the team has not been without injury this season. Number two singles player Steve Errington has been out of the last few games due to a stress fracture in his left hand. Barrientos stated, "This injury has hurt the team; there is no way Steve can play even though he really wants to. We've had to do some small changes in the line-up; Jon Chovanec has taken over Steve's position." Barrientos also noted that two other players on the team are suffering from shoulder problems, but they are continuing to play.

Barrientos noted that, "The Freshmen on the team are still doing great; I am really pleased by their progress and their ability on the court. We still need to work on volleying. It has been a problem since the beginning of the season." According to Barrientos, the volleying and other slight problems are the main reason for losing games.

In earlier tennis action, the Pumas defeated Olivet 9-0 on April 5th. On April 7th, they lost to Northeastern of Illinois 5-3. And last weekend, they lost to Indianapolis 9-0 and defeated Kentucky State 8-1. Their matches against IUPUI-Indianapolis and Franklin College were cancelled last week due to the weather.

The men finish out their season starting today as they travel to Fort Wayne for the GLVC Tournament.

JV baseball on a roll

The Saint Joseph's College junior varsity baseball team will play Parkland Junior College in a double-header today starting at 2pm.

The Pumas are currently 19-11 and are on a nine game winning streak. According to JV coach John Steinhilber, the team is playing very well right now.

"We're in a zone," said Steinhilber. "We're making the plays in the field and getting timely hitting from everybody. The pitching staff has a 2.90 ERA and with a pitching staff like that it makes things a lot easier on the offense."

The JV team, consisting mainly of sophomores and freshmen, play a tough schedule that Steinhilber says gets the players ready for varsity play.

"We've played a lot of ranked junior colleges and have done really well against them. We have some sophomores that are stepping up and showing they will be ready for varsity play when they're called upon," said Steinhilber.



Faculty Flashback Photo



Can you recognize this handsome young lad? Last issue's faculty photo was Sr. Patricia Robinson.

Top Ten Alternatives to Race Watching

by Potts and McGroarty

In keeping with our tireless dedication we send to you, our faithful reader, the top ten alternatives to race watching. Why? Simple, it is boring to sit and watch cars go around a track for three hours.

10. Go to a movie.... it doesn't last as long and the action is usually better.

9. Go to the Book Store and charge a couple of hundred dollars worth of clothing and other items home.... you've already signed up for classes so put your parents' credit money to good use.

8. Dump a truckload of Alka Seltzer into the reflecting pond... maybe you can get Core Science extra credit for this "experiment."

7. Get a video camera and tape all of the embarrassing and stupid things Pumas will be doing this weekend... threaten to run the tape on WPUM TV6, the blackmail will help pay for next year's tuition increase.

6. Go to the XXXX and Brat tent.

5. Trip the man who always walks around on stilts.

4. Plant a garden and watch it grow... it will take less time and be more exciting than the race.

3. Hang out in Sacco's room... it may not be fun, but it's something to do.

2. Pray for rain... this will undoubtedly shorten the race.

1. Streak naked across the track... security could use the exercise.

Cheers and Jeers to SJC

by Greg Potts

Cheers: to Little 5, not because of the race, but because it means the end of the year is upon us.

Cheers: to the Little 5 festivities, sure we break a few minor laws, but it's all harmless fun.

Cheers: to sun and spring.

Cheers: to the man who invented the bikini.

Cheers: to the woman who invented Speedo's.

Cheers: to finals week... at least for one week out of the year, they let us skip class.

Cheers: to Dr. Johnson for appearing on t.v... St. Joseph's could use the notoriety ("The Back Page" suggests that, if enrollment soars after Dr. Johnson's t.v. debut, we name the new Core building after him).

Jeers: to allergies... sniff* sniff*, blow blow.

Jeers: to SUB... it would have been nice to know that comedian, Steve Trash, was going to be here. What happened to the advertising? What are you guys on anyway?

Jeers: to all professors... thanks for making all our papers due during the last week of classes. Next year, could you please plan ahead and make papers due earlier so we can slack off during the last week?

Jeers: to Dr. Johnson... for his nice vacation to Los Angeles while we were back here writing papers!

Now It's My Turn

by Candace McGroarty

I was watching television the other evening and I decided to watch Rush Limbaugh due to my own personal belief that one must be informed about their enemies. Yes, I believe Rush Limbaugh is an enemy, not only to me but to the millions of people he reaches everyday.

During his broadcast Thursday evening, he proceeded to tell his audience that Kurt Cobain, the lead singer of Nirvana, was a loser for taking his own life. Many of the things he says anger me, but I was completely shocked by this comment. Is Mr. Limbaugh above compassion and sympathy?

Who is he to stand in judgment of anyone and their actions? I am not condemning Mr. Limbaugh's position on suicide, I too believe it is not the answer to life's problems. But was it really necessary for Rush to belittle the death of this man?

Was it his place to mock Kurt Cobain on national television, while his family, friends, and fans had only begun their mourning process?

Mr. Limbaugh then proceeded to tell his audience that people like Kurt Cobain and professional baseball player Daryl Strawberry are not role models for today's youth. As young people we shouldn't put our faith into mindless drug addicts and derelicts like these, we should remember that the new trend in America's youth in conservatism!

On that point Mr. Limbaugh may be right, despite the fact of how distressed it makes me feel. But is the new trend among conservatives name calling and attacking those you don't feel live up to your standards? Is it fair of Mr. Limbaugh to make the correlation between conservatism and insensitivity?

I must say that I can respect his political views, despite that I may disagree with many of them. But as a journalist, and a member of society, and most importantly an adult, Mr. Limbaugh should know that one should keep their indifference and lack of compassion behind closed doors.

These are not the ways of talk show hosts or responsible journalists. They are the antics one might find in a locker room.

The Quote of the Week

"Whatever is, is right."

Alexander Pope